



# Veterinary Services Europe

100th Medical Detachment (VS HQ)



## Commander, 72<sup>nd</sup> Medical Detachment (VS)



LTC Erik H. Topping III graduated from Ralston High School in Omaha, Nebraska in 1982. He attended Kansas State University on a ROTC scholarship and received his initial commission in 1986. He was placed on educational delay while he completed his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree at Kansas State. In 1989 LTC Topping received his DVM and immediately entered the Army Veterinary Corps. LTC Topping also holds a Bachelor of Sciences from Kansas State University, and a Masters of Public Health in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

LTC Topping's previous assignments include Chief, Animal Medicine Branch, Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Services, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; OIC Team F, 106<sup>th</sup> Medical Detachment (VS), Republic of Korea; Career Planning Officer, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, Fort Carson, Colorado; Chief of Current Operations, U.S. Army Veterinary Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and most recently, Chief of Food Safety and Public Health at the Department of Defense Veterinary Service Activity located at the Office of the Army Surgeon General in Falls Church, Virginia. LTC Topping is currently the Commander, 72<sup>nd</sup> Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service) located at Giebelstadt, Germany.

LTC Topping is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. He is a graduate of the AMEDD Officer Basic Course, the AMEDD Officer Advanced Course, and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. His military awards and honors include the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Order of Military Medical Merit, and the Brigadier General Elia Medallion of Veterinary Excellence.